



LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2010

The general meeting of February 8, 2010 was held at 10:30 a.m. at the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, 1055 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 800, Los Angeles, CA 90017

Present: Beasley, Arlene "Phoebe" Lesnik, Peter
 Benitez, Tomas Lyte, Marjorie
 Blanning, Ollie Reyes, Jesus
 Brooks, Aurelia Rosen, Ronald
 Clausen-Odenthal, Alis Warschaw, Hope
 Galperson, Judy
 Haagen, Betty

Absent: Karabian, Laurel (excused)
 Ruano, Araceli (excused)
 Wyman, Rosalind (excused)

Staff Present: Laura Zucker, Executive Director
 Miriam Gonzalez, Executive Assistant
 Ayanna Hudson, Director of Arts Education
 Emiko Ono, Director of Grants and Professional Development

Also Present: Dana Kelsey, Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors
 Richard Townsend, Chief Executive Officer, MoLAA
 Edwina Brandon, Vice President of External Affairs, MoLAA
 Burke Gumbiner, Executive Board Member, MoLAA
 Kirsten Schaffer, Executive Director, Outfest
 Kerri Stoughton-Jackson, Director of Operations, Outfest
 Andrea James, Board Member, Outfest

Vice President Rosen called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Absentee Excuses

Roll was taken and on a motion by Commissioner Warshaw, seconded by Commissioner Lyte, the excused absences for the meeting of February 8, 2010 were unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Haagen, seconded by Commissioner Clausen-Odenthal, the minutes for the meeting of January 11, 2010 were unanimously approved.

Correspondence

Commissioner Blanning circulated the following letters received by the Arts Commission:

- A letter from Los Angeles City Councilman Tom Labonge thanking the Arts Commission for the 50th Annual Holiday Celebration.
- A letter from Diane Brigham, Executive Director of Ryman Arts, thanking each Supervisor for grant support for its classes and outreach programs.
- A letter from Ruth Price, President and Artistic Director of Jazz Bakery, thanking the Board of Supervisors for the NEA/ARRA grant which is helping to support staffing.

President's Items

Vice President Rosen reported President Ruano selected the following Commissioners to serve on the 2010 Nominating Committee. The committee will convene prior to the March Commission meeting to nominate the new slate of officers.

Jesus Reyes, First District
Phoebe Beasley, Second District
Judith Galperson, Third District
Laurel Karabian, Fourth District
Alis Clausen-Odenthal, Fifth District

Commissioners discussed and agreed the March Commission meeting will be held at the Broad Stage in Santa Monica.

Vice President Rosen also reported he is participating on the Ford Master Plan committee to select an architectural firm.

Executive Director's Report

Laura Zucker reported the CEO has included 250K for the Arts Internship program in the mid-year budget adjustment for FY 09/10 to fund approximately 75 intern positions. The item is scheduled for the February 15, 2010 Board meeting agenda.

Ms. Zucker reported the Arts Commission presented its Productivity Investment Fund application to the Quality and Productivity Commission for matching support of an NEA (National Endowment for the Arts) grant of 75K for technical assistance to grant recipients.

OGP III Presentations

Burke Gumbiner, Executive Board Member of the Museum of Latin American Art (MoLAA), thanked the Commission and introduced the museum's new director, Richard Townsend. Richard Townsend, who gave an overview of the museum's objectives and recent expansion. Edwina Brandon, Vice President of External Affairs of MoLAA, reviewed audience initiatives and discussed the proposed program, En la Noche, to bring in young adults on Thursday nights once per month.

Kristen Schaffer, Executive Director of Outfest, gave a presentation on the programming and history of Outfest. Andrea James, Board Member, presented the organizations' objectives and Kerri Stoughton-Jackson reviewed the application before the Commission to increase audience participation.

Arts for All Update

Ayanna Hudson, Director of Arts Education, answered questions on the fourth goal of *Arts for All: Los Angeles County Regional Blueprint for Arts Education*. At the suggestion of Commissioner Rosen, Ms. Zucker indicated that the tracking report that is prepared for the Arts for All Executive Committee meeting would be included in the Arts Ed reporting section of the monthly memo.

Commissioner Items

None.

Public Comment

None.

The Arts Commission meeting of February 8, 2010 was adjourned in memory of Zelda Rubinstein, actress and community advocate, at 12:02 p.m. on motion by Commissioner Benitez, seconded by Commissioner Lesnik and unanimously approved.